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Dear Gus:

Just gotg back from another trip--last of the to find your letter. I am sorry that your single-c-peded. Though you certainly ~~have~~ ought to have a microscope, whether you use a penny or a darkfield little odds-- if it works.

I don't see how I could responsibly be an author on any of your further publications after the preliminary note now in press: there are two sides to this penny, you know. But I will be very happy to read your mss., and if you should want to submit any of them to a journal published here, I'll be happy to vet them through.

Unfortunately, Dr. Makela, who was going to spend a postdoctoral year here, isn't coming after all, so I don't see how I can possibly spend any time even next year on the antibody problem. However, Hilary Koprowski, who is a very good friend of mine, is also deeply interested in the question of antibody formation by tumor cells, and certainly has the technical competence and facilities, so it may be that he will go after that point with such consultation as I can offer.

I can't understand about the Spirillums not arriving. I will send another packet by registered airmail in about a week, and trust you will acknowledge it as soon as (if) it arrives.

I can understand your hesitation about your career plans, but have no advice. You certainly should make every effort to spend some time in the US and UK, if only to dispel your overoptimistic illusions about the scientific life here as compared to Australia. \*\*\*

Could you make a note to send about 5 copies of our reprint to Geoffrey Rossiter at the US Educational Foundation in Canberra, when you receive them? Thanks.

I can't quote the details, but have been hearing a good deal of criticism of acquired tolerance to non-cellular antigens, viz. where there can be no question of chimerism. It would be a real contribution if your experiments with RBC could nail down this point. P Your new study sounds like an important lead.

(\*\*\* Just let me know what you do decide as promptly as is convenient so I can make arrangements for a stipend.)

+++ But were planning to spend August in Europe, principally for the Stockholm microbiology congress. After that, we plan to drive north from London with the Bruce Stockers, and then to ~~xxx~~ spend a few days on the Isle of Skye with the Avrion Mitchisons.

Yours,  
*Joshua*  
Joshua Lederberg

*or if you could do this*  
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